

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claim 1 and cancels claims 2 and 3. Therefore, the present application has pending claim 1.

In the Office Action the Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 CFR §1.83(a) and objected to the disclosure under 37 CFR §1.71. In the objections, the Examiner alleges that the drawings and the specification do not show every feature of the claimed invention, particularly with regard to the repeating device and the recording medium. The repeating device and the recording medium were respectively claimed in claims 2 and 3, which as indicated above were canceled. Therefore, these objections are rendered moot since the repeating device and the recording medium are no longer claimed. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the these objections is respectfully requested.

It should be noted however, that Applicants do not agree with these objections and are merely canceling claims 2 and 3 to expedite prosecution. The repeating device and the recording medium were clearly described in the specification and illustrated in the drawings. For example, the repeating device was illustrated in Figs. 4-6 and described in the specification in the passage beginning on page 7, line 21 through page 9, line 26. Also, the recording medium was illustrated in Figs. 1 and 4 as EEPROM 123, 143 and described in the specification with respect to the EEPROM and a CD ROM as on page 10, lines 1-19.

In any event, the above noted objections under 37 CFR §1.83(a) and 37 CFR §1.71 are rendered moot and therefore should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Particularly, the Examiner alleges that the specification does not describe the recording medium and the repeating device. As indicated above, the recording medium and repeating device were embodiments recited in claims 2 and 3. Since claims 2 and 3 were canceled this rejection is rendered moot same as the objections to the drawings and specification as noted above. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

However, as noted above, the specification does in fact describe the features regarding the recording medium and the repeating device. The drawings and the passages of the specification which describe the recording medium and the repeating device are set forth above.

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regards as the invention. As indicated above, claims 2 and 3 were canceled. Therefore, this rejection with respect to claims 2 and 3 is rendered moot. Amendments were made to the remaining claim 1 so as to bring it into conformity with the requirements of 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Therefore, Applicants submit that this rejection is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Specifically, amendments were made throughout claim 1 so as to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner in the Office Action.

Applicants note that there are no outstanding rejections with respect to claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 is now in condition for allowance relative to the prior of record.

Accordingly, early allowance of the present application based on claim 1 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (648.40708X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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